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Letter dated 16 May 1997 from the Chairman of the Second Committee addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I refer to the report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, on the first part of its tenth session (A/52/82). Section B of appendix II to that report contains a draft decision entitled "Use of the Special Voluntary Fund and the Trust Fund", which was recommended to the General Assembly for adoption.

In the light of the importance of this decision in ensuring the full and effective participation of developing countries affected by desertification and drought, in particular the least developed countries, in the first Conference of the Parties, to be held in Rome from 29 September to 10 October 1997, I would kindly request that item 97 (a) entitled "Environment and sustainable development: implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development" of the fifty-first session of the General Assembly be reopened, in order to take appropriate action on this draft decision at the earliest date.

(Signed) Arjan P. HAMBURGER
Chairman of the Second Committee

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